

**VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
Conference Call Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
**March 13, 2014**

**VSEERS Members present:**

Kevin Gaffney, Chairperson, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2015) – via telephone  
Roger Dumas, Vice-Chairperson, VRSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2014) – via telephone  
Jeff Briggs, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2014)  
Paul White, Jr., VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2014) – via telephone  
Thomas Hango, VSEA Alternate (term expiring September 1, 2015) – via telephone  
Richard Johannesen, Governor's Delegate (ex-officio) – via telephone  
Sarah Clark representing James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management (ex-officio)  
Elizabeth Pearce, VT State Treasurer

**Members absent:**

Allen Blake, VRSEA Alternate Representative (term expiring September 1, 2014)  
Kate Duffy, Commissioner of Human Resources (ex-officio)

**Also attending:**

Matt Considine, Director of Investments – via telephone  
Katie Green, Investments Manager  
Karl Kroner and Valerie Baker, Great West Retirement Services – via telephone  
Laurie Lanphear, Director of Retirement Operations  
Monica Chiren, Assistant to Nancy Dimick – via telephone

The Chairperson, Kevin Gaffney, called the Thursday, March 13, 2014, meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., which was held in the Treasurer's Conference Room, Fourth Floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

**ITEM 1:      Approve the Minutes of:**

- February 13, 2014 regular meeting

**On motion by Mr. Briggs, seconded by Mr. Dumas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 13, 2014, regular meeting, as submitted.**

**ITEM 2:      State of Vermont 457 Deferred Compensation Plan**

- Discussion with Advised Asset Group (AAG) for period ending 12/31/13 – via telephone

Ms. Baker reviewed the *Fund Performance Review Reporting Period Ending December 31, 2013* with the Board members. There was a discussion concerning the Pax World Balanced Fund. There was a discussion about the Morningstar rating. It was indicated that Ms. Baker would work with Mr. Kroner and Mr. Considine to see if there was a better way to rate the SRI funds in the 457 Deferred Comp line-up. Ms. Baker responded to the question posed by Mr. Johannesen

relative to the Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund. Ms. Baker reviewed with the Board members the Pax World Global Environmental Fund. It was discussed that this fund would be added May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Kroner indicated the steps that were going to be taken relative to the addition of this fund to the 457 Deferred Comp line-up to inform members of its existence. Mr. Kroner indicated the suggestions by the Board members would be incorporated into the information disseminated to the members. Ms. Baker responded to the questions posed by the Board members.

(Ms. Baker and Mr. Kroner left the meeting at this time.)

The Board discussed the SRI category and how to identify what category the funds fall into in addition to being an SRI fund. It was indicated this item would be explored further.

(Mr. Considine left the meeting at this time.)

**ITEM 3:      Discussion/Act on disability retirement recommendation for:**

- Nancy H. Simoes

**On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the MRB to allow the disability retirement for Nancy H. Simoes, without review.**

**ITEM 4:      Any other business to come before the Board**

Ms. Pearce provided the Board members an overview of the miscellaneous retirement bill and how it was progressing. Ms. Pearce reviewed with the Board members the two bills that she was going to testify at, S. 193 and S. 225. The Board discussed the State system going to EGWP. Ms. Pearce indicated she was also asked to testify for bill 681 which had to do with providing certain benefits to veterans of the Persian Gulf War. Ms. Pearce indicated she has been asked to provide technical information.

**ITEM 5:      Adjournment**

**On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Briggs, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:53 a.m.**

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next scheduled VSERS meeting is a conference call meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Dimick  
Secretary to the Board